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Happy Holidays Team Vandenberg

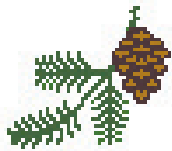


The staff of the 30th Space Wing Public Affairs Office wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

This issue will be the last Space & Missile Times published in 1999. The next edition will hit the streets Jan. 7. The newspaper staff would like to

thank everyone at Team Vandenberg for their continued support.

As a reminder, the deadline for articles published in the Space & Missile Times is every Friday by 4:30 p.m. All articles will be edited for space, clarity and style.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DAVE CLOVER

A Titan II rocket lifts off from Space Launch Complex 4 West in a picture-perfect launch Sunday at 9:38 a.m. The rocket boosted a military weather satellite into a polar orbit about 450 miles high.

Titan II launches

BY TECH. SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Vandenberg launched a Titan II rocket Sunday at 9:38 a.m. carrying a weather satellite into polar orbit for the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program.

The launch team consisted of members of the 30th Space Wing and Lockheed Martin. The spacelift commander for this mission was Col. Steve Lanning, 30th Space Wing commander.

The Defense Meteorological Satellite Program is a Department of Defense program run by the Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center. Program staff

design, build, launch and maintain several near polar orbiting, sun synchronous satellites monitoring the meteorological, oceanographic and space weather environments.

The U.S. Air Force Titan II, a modified Titan intercontinental ballistic missile, is 110 feet tall, provides 430,000 pounds of thrust and can place more than 4,000 pounds into orbit.

The last Titan II was removed from alert status as an ICBM June 23, 1987, at Little Rock AFB, Ark. The missiles were refurbished for space launch by Lockheed Martin Astronautics.

Officials postpone Atlas IIAS rocket

BY 1ST LT. TOM KNOWLES
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The launch of a Lockheed Martin Atlas IIAS rocket carrying NASA's Terra satellite has been postponed.

The mission is rescheduled for today at 10:33 a.m. from Space Launch Complex 3 East.

The Atlas mission was to have launched NASA's Terra satellite. The spacecraft is the NASA flagship in a new series of satellites, which repre-

sents a key contribution to the U.S. Global Change Research Program. Terra carries five state-of-the-art sets of instruments with measurement and accuracy capabilities never flown before. Terra takes a global approach to data collection that will enable scientists to study the interaction among the four spheres of the Earth system—the oceans, lands, atmosphere and biosphere.

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Commander sends Team Vandenberg 'Season's Greetings' for happy, safe holiday celebrations

BY COL. STEVE AND CANDY LANNING
30th Space Wing Commander and First Lady

Happy holidays! We send you our best wishes throughout this holy season of Christmas and Hanukkah.

As we begin this season of celebration, our thoughts usually turn to our families. Many of you will be traveling home to be with your relatives or staying here at Vandenberg for a less hurried time together with your immediate family and friends.

No matter where or how you choose to celebrate, we ask each of you to remember those members of Team Vandenberg who won't be able to join their families for the holidays. We have many who are on temporary duty in various parts of the world or are single members who are unable to go home because of their duties here.

As members of the Air Force family, it's important we reach out and share our celebration with those who will be separated from their loved ones during this holiday season. It is their sacrifice, and the sacrifices of their family members, that keep our country free and safe so we can celebrate the holi-

days as we choose.

No matter what your plans are for the season, remember the risks involved in traveling or celebrating. The weather can be unpredictable this time of year, so allow extra travel time and don't drink and drive. We want each of you to have a special holiday season, but above all — a safe one.

As 1999 comes to a close, we would like to congratulate all of you on a very successful year. The men and women of Team Vandenberg have gained a superior reputation for professionalism and mission accomplishment.

However, there are immediate challenges ahead in 2000, not the least of which is a major Operational Readiness Inspection and many space and missile launches.

As we "recharge our batteries" during the holidays, let's return with a renewed commitment to the important tasks ahead.

We wish each of you, and your families, a very happy, safe and blessed holiday season. We're looking forward to sharing a new year of challenges and successes with you.



STAFF SGT. PAM TAUBMAN

Col. Steve Lanning, 30th Space Wing commander and his wife, Candy, prepare to spend the holidays here with their family.

Myers lauds accomplishments of AF Space Command members

As we enter into the holiday season, I'd like to express my sincere and warmest thanks for your exceptional accomplishments during the past year.

Your personal efforts to ensure a smooth transition into the year 2000 have been superb and I am confident our mission critical systems will continue to perform without incident well into the next millennium.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Space Command, Air Force Space Command team is directly responsible for stability and continuity of military operations around the world. I'd like to personally thank the men and women who have made this team what it is today. Our future could not be in more capable hands.

As you face new challenges and opportunities in the coming year, you

will no doubt continue to achieve success in all that you do. Now is the time however, to focus on family and friends. Take some time this holiday season to thank those who have supported you during the long hours and deployments that are a necessary part of military life. I know that many of you will be working during the holidays in direct support of military operations around the world, but our families and loved ones need not be forgotten. Please take some time during this special season and show your appreciation for their devoted love and support.

Mary Jo and I wish you a blessed and happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year as we proceed into the next millennium.

GEN. RICHARD MYERS
COMMANDER,
AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND

Top AF leaders give holiday thanks

Each year during the holiday season, we gather with friends and family to give thanks for the blessings of the past year and to establish resolutions for the future.

This particular season is unique because we are about to leave a spectacular 20th century behind and move with great optimism into the next millennium.

You should take great pride in the knowledge that as we close this century our nation has a pervasive and growing appreciation for the importance and potential of aerospace power.

Your victory in Kosovo, a major theater air war, was a magnificent display of teamwork, professionalism, and leadership made possible by the total Air Force team — active duty, Reserve, Air Guard and civilians. You moved people and equipment with lightning speed and prosecuted a brilliant air campaign that brought to bear all of our core competencies in a

righteous cause with a just outcome.

You proved that the expeditionary aerospace force is not just a vision — it is reality. The New Year holds great promise as we continue the journey of reshaping ourselves for the new century.

We are immensely proud of you and honored to serve with you. We thank you and your families for your service and your sacrifices. If you can, please take time out to enjoy your families and friends.

If duty has you away from hearth and home, know that a grateful nation thanks you and keeps you in its thoughts and prayers.

We wish all the men and women of the Air Force family a safe and joyous holiday season and a wonderful and exciting New Year!

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First impressions only come once

By CHIEF MASTER SGT. PAUL KRIM

30th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant

We've all heard the old adage "you only get one chance to make a good first impression." That's never more true than when an inspection team is on the base. The ORI will start the minute the inspection team arrives. They'll not only be inspecting how we do our jobs and how well the mission is accomplished, they will also be inspecting how well we uphold the traditions that have been entrusted to us by those who have come before.

They'll notice everything about us and our base: how we act, how we dress, and how much pride we have in the Air Force, Space Command, and Team Vandenberg. It's easy to feel and show pride at a special function or at special times when wearing a mess dress. But how can you show your pride in yourself and your Air Force traditions everyday when you're cold and you're working outside in the rain? Simple: through your professional behavior and by following the customs, courtesies, dress and appearance guidelines. Here are some reminders:

Always walk on the left of anyone who outranks you. Enlisted to enlisted, officer to officer, enlisted to officer, the rule still applies.

Stand at attention when speaking to an officer unless told otherwise. When someone of a higher rank, officer or enlisted, walks into your duty section, stand up and greet them professionally.

When unsure with whom you're speaking to, such as on the phone, remember to use "sir" and "ma'am."

Don't use the first name of a person of a higher rank in a professional environment. Refer to them or call them by their rank and last name.

When outside, carry items in your left hand to allow you to salute with your right.

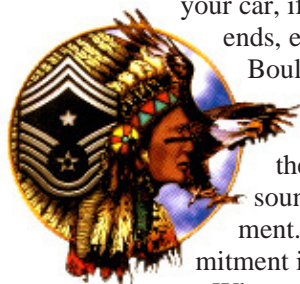
Enlisted personnel will salute and give a verbal greeting to all officers when outside. If both your

hands are full, just give a verbal greeting. If speaking to an officer outside, start and finish the conversation with a salute.

Officers will salute and give a verbal greeting to all officers of higher rank when outside. If both your hands are full, just give a verbal greeting. If speaking to a higher ranking officer outside, start and finish the conversation with a salute.

Wear your uniform correctly. Polish your boots. Check your haircut and mustache. Read and be familiar with the provisions in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel. First impressions are lasting, and our appearance is a reflection of our professionalism.

All of us must pay proper respect to the flag. Retreat sounds at 5 p.m. every day. Anticipate retreat and stop your car, if you're driving, until the music ends, even if you're on California



Boulevard. We have a lot of visitors to Vandenberg and they need to see that we pay proper respect to the flag. Our actions when retreat sounds speaks to our level of commitment. Show everyone that our commitment is the highest.

When walking, be aware of staff cars and render a salute.

Even if the inspection team is not inspecting you, they'll be watching. They'll see a sloppy uniform and behavior that is less than professional. Check each other's uniform and appearance. Remind co-workers of the standards when you see inappropriate or unprofessional behavior. We all need to be reminded once in a while.

Now is the time to get in the habit of doing it right. Then, when the ORI inspection team arrives, they'll see the most professional and proud team in the command and the Air Force – Team Vandenberg!

Service members reaffirm highest military traditions

As 1999 draws to a close, and friends and family gather together to enjoy the holiday season, every soldier, sailor, airman, Marine, Coast Guardsman, and DOD civilian can reflect on a year of extraordinary accomplishments.

Whether carrying out operations in the Balkans, providing disaster relief to victims of Hurricane Mitch in Central America, guarding against aggression in Korea, or enforcing the UN sanctions against Iraq, you met every challenge, no matter how difficult or dangerous.

Your courage, dedication and hard work reaffirmed the highest traditions of the United States and added another glorious chapter to the proud history of our military. Your awe-inspiring performances and selfless efforts have earned the respect and gratitude of your fellow citizens and the world community.

While many of you are far from home during this holiday season, you are never far from the hearts of the people you protect. Americans realize that the blessings of liberty and peace they enjoy spring from your sacrifice and service.

During this very special time of the year, Carolyn and I wish all of you, and your families, a happy and safe holiday season and the best for the coming year.

HENRY SHELTON,
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Members of Team Vandenberg Deploy in '99

■ The expeditionary aerospace force is not just a vision at Team Vandenberg, it's a reality. This year, men and women from the 30th Space Wing, 14th Air Force and associate units deployed more than 400 times to locations around the globe.

The men and women deployed throughout 1999 are as follows:

14th Air Force

Aviano Air Base, Italy

Tech. Sgt. Christine Treat

Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

Master Sgt. George Pacheco

Lt. Col. Richard Strathearn

Classified

Master Sgt. Patricia Kiehne

Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Maj. Walter Campbell

Lt. Col. Eric Mosby

Maj. Christopher Renner

Maj. Mark Vidmar

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Master Sgt. Gregory Martin

Vicenza, Italy

Maj. Mark Vidmar

30th Aerospace Medical Squadron

Brindisi, Italy

Senior Airman Jennifer Bell

Nicaragua

Airman 1st Class Wendy Grossi

Capt. Ann Lopes

Staff Sgt. Michael Maurer

Maj. Parker Plante

Maj. Darryl Riegel

Staff Sgt. James Snider

United States Air Force Academy

Airman 1st Class Miranda Gonzalez

30th Civil Engineer Squadron

Al Dafrah, United Arab Emirates

Senior Airman John Bailey III

Staff Sgt. David Dewyer

Airman 1st Class Michael Ewer

Senior Airman Troy Forbes

Tech. Sgt. Michael Gruis

Airman 1st Class Roger Harrold Jr.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Romain

Senior Airman Charles Rosales

Staff Sgt. Timothy Sandstrom

Airman 1st Class Bradley Steele

Airman 1st Class Christopher Tinker

Ali Al Saleem, Kuwait

Capt. Mark Inguaggiato

Airman 1st Class James Johnson

Airman 1st Class Johnny Yonker

Al Jaber, Kuwait

Airman 1st Class Carlos Conant IV

Staff Sgt. Troy Forbes

Airman 1st Class Jason Hanson

Senior Airman Sharlene Stanfield

Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia

Airman 1st Class Trevor Scott

Senior Airman Dante Sengstack

Chuuk Island, Micronesia

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Gimer

Tech. Sgt. Dana Kelly

Classified

Master Sgt. William Staples

Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

Staff Sgt. Robert Ginck

Moron Air Base, Spain

Senior Airman Dionicio Dehoyos

Pohnpei, Micronesia

Staff Sgt. Ronald Bunch

Riyadh, Saudia Arabia

Capt. John Muratore

Airman 1st Class Ericignac Trinidad

San Vito Air Station, Italy

Senior Airman Charles White

Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Airman 1st Class Brian Kelly

30th Contracting Squadron

Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia

1st Lt. Tyr Brenner

2nd Lt. Eric Freeman

Master Sgt. James Higgs

Senior Airman Jan Malboeuf

Staff Sgt. William Robbins

Ali Al Saleem, Kuwait

Staff Sgt. Douglas Gosselin

San Vito Air Station, Italy

1st Lt. Mia Palmieri

30th Comptroller Squadron

Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

Tech. Sgt. Orlando Dozier

San Vito Air Station, Italy

Staff Sgt. Raymond Ashby Jr.

30th Communications Squadron

Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia

Senior Airman Nicola Harrison

Al Jaber, Kuwait

Airman 1st Class Michael Thurston

Boyube, Bolivia

Airman 1st Class Timothy Brewer

Tech. Sgt. Donald Wagers

Classified

Airman 1st Class Michael Porter

Airman 1st Class Kyle Smith

Senior Airman Daryl Stepney

Korat, Thailand

Staff Sgt. James Monk

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Staff Sgt. Steven Hatcher

Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Tech. Sgt. Robert Ohlin

30th Medical Group

Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia

Master Sgt. Agnes Gamble

30th Medical Operations Squadron

Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia

Capt. Mark Stafford

Zagreb, Croatia

Capt. Ginger Weiss

30th Medical Support Squadron

Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

Staff Sgt. Willie Wood Jr.

30th Mission Support Squadron

Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia

Master Sgt. David McElhatten

Master Sgt. Jose Santiago

Staff Sgt. M. Scantlebury-Hall

Classified

Staff Sgt. John Bolle

Master Sgt. Benjamin Damian

Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

Master Sgt. Jeanette O'Keefe

Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Staff Sgt. Joy Greene

Vicenza, Italy

Senior Airman Danielle Hamilton

30th Operations Support Squadron

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Airman 1st Class Danyel Smith

Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Staff Sgt. Michael Pinski

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Senior Airman Jeremy Boland

Taszar Air Base, Hungary

Tech. Sgt. John Crowe

Staff Sgt. Lori Derr

Master Sgt. Wayne Hall

Tech. Sgt. Tedd Nettleton

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Al Dafrah, United Arab Emirates

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Al Jaber, Kuwait

Airman 1st Class Michael Adams

Airman 1st Class Benjamin Ahrens

Airman 1st Class Frank Beeler

Senior Airman Stephen Bitsko

Airman 1st Class Laura Boyle

Airman 1st Class Cassius Bryant

Senior Airman Darren Carlson

Airman 1st Class Joseph Chapman

Master Sgt. William Cockett

Airman Eflen Covarrubias

Airman 1st Class Matthew Denny

Airman Ernest Durante

Airman Ale Espinosa-Agarcia

Airman 1st Class Jason Espinoza

Airman 1st Class Paul Eversley

Senior Airman Khristopher Frantz

Staff Sgt. Jof Gustavsen

Senior Airman Michael Hester

Staff Sgt. Gregory Heuston

Airman Jeffrey Hunter

Airman 1st Class Michael Iovene

Senior Airman Joshua Jeffers

Senior Airman Andrew Kottke

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Airman Byron Lee

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Senior Airman Robert Sargeant

Senior Airman Nathan Sinning

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Airman 1st Class John Smith

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Stocker

Airman 1st Class Neil Vadnais

Senior Airman Kyle Warner

Senior Airman Gabriel Zorrero

Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia

Staff Sgt. Marcus Anderson

Airman Randall Chaffin

Airman 1st Class Samuel Collins

Airman Kelly Dehler

Airman Matthew Edom

Staff Sgt. Darren Elbert

Senior Airman Adam Estrada

Senior Airman Keivan Faalzadeh

Master Sgt. Michael Frost

Airman Anthony Garcia

Senior Airman James Gardner II

Airman Steven Gonzalez

Airman 1st Class Benjamin Graver

Senior Airman Christopher Gumper

Senior Airman Jill Hoffman

Airman Duriel Howard

Airman Jason Kornegay

Airman John Lourenco

Airman John Lucas

Airman 1st Class Danielle Martin

Airman 1st Class Jeremy McDaniel

Airman 1st Class Gary Morgan

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Airman 1st Class Jason Smith

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Senior Airman Dominic Vecchi

Airman Marcus Wright

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Airman 1st Class Laura Boyle

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Airman 1st Class Aric Jacobsen

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Airman 1st Class Martin Kemsley

Senior Airman Jerrod Klein

Senior Airman Darrell Krier

2nd Lt. Alexander Logan

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Staff Sgt. Baltazar Ruiz

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Staff Sgt. Cephas Romero
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Tech. Sgt. Mark Mazzola.
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Capt. Brady Fuller
381st Training Squadron
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534th Training Squadron
Vicenza, Italy
Staff Sgt. Scott Passman
544th Intelligence Group
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Rhein Main, Germany
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'Tiger teeth'



SENIOR AIRMAN JEANNETTE COPELAND

"Tiger teeth" and arm barriers are set to go into effect Jan. 1, in front of the Headquarters building, 10577.

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BRIEFS

RESIDENTS SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM ANIMAL TRAPS

■ The housing maintenance contractor occasionally has to place animal traps in the housing areas, usually in response to complaints about raccoons or opossums.

Residents are warned not to disturb these traps, especially if an animal has been trapped. Raccoons and other wild animals can be dangerous and should not be approached. If an animal has been trapped, call the housing maintenance contractor at 734-5586 for assistance.

RESERVE NEEDS PEOPLE FOR TWO NEW AF UNITS

■ The Air Force Reserve will stand up two new squadrons at Schriever AFB, Colo. They are currently looking to fill the following enlisted and officer Air Force Specialty Codes: 3S0X1, 3P0X1, 3A0X1, 1C6X1, 1N5X1, 1N4X1, 3C0X1, 13S3, 33S3, 62EX, 6153A, 62E3G, 14NX, 1NXX, 12F4Y, 13SR, 16RX, 12B4W, 16GX.

Most of these are traditional Reserve positions, however a few positions will be full time. For more information about these jobs or jobs available at other locations, call Master Sgt. Brenda Jack at 606-2704.

RECRUIT THE RECRUITER TEAM COMES TO BASE

■ The Recruit the Recruiter team will be here Jan. 6 at 9 a.m. in the Vandenberg Center. During a 90-minute briefing, members will learn about recruiting duty. Staff through master sergeants, with less than 16 years of total active

federal military service are eligible to apply. Senior airmen with three to six years TAFMS are also eligible. Home state basing may be available. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend. Those applying after the briefing should expect to spend the rest of the day processing their application. Members who qualify, will be selected on the spot. For more information, call Master Sgt. Brenda Jack at 606-2704.

BASE LEGAL OFFICE CLOSES EARLY TODAY

■ The base legal office will close today at 11:30 a.m. for an official function. In case of an emergency, call the on-call legal representative at (800) 514-7680.

FAMILY SERVICES SHUTS DOWN FOR HOLIDAYS

■ Family Services will be closed Monday through Jan. 3. Normal operating hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check out futons, baby items and kitchen ware now before holiday guests arrive. Base members who need to use the loan closet during the holiday break should call the community support center at 606-0039.

WIVES CLUB BECOMES OFFICERS' SPOUSES CLUB

■ The Vandenberg Officer's Wives Club will enter the new millennium with a new name, the Vandenberg Officers' Spouses Club. Club membership is open to all spouses of base military officers. The club hosts monthly social functions as well as various community service projects. Call Kelly Speidel at 734-0180 for membership information.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DAVE CLOWER

A Titan II rocket blasts off carrying a weather satellite into polar orbit for the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program.

Titan II launches

By TECH. SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg launched a Titan II rocket Sunday at 9:38 a.m. carrying a weather satellite into polar orbit for the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program. The launch team consisted of members of the 30th Space Wing and Lockheed Martin. The spacelift commander for this mission was Col. Steve Lanning, 30th Space Wing commander.

The Defense Meteorological Satellite Program is a Department of Defense program run by the Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center. Program staff design, build, launch and maintain several near polar orbiting, sun synchronous satellites monitoring the meteorological, oceanographic and space weather environments.

The U.S. Air Force Titan II, a modified Titan intercontinental ballistic missile, is 110 feet tall, provides 430,000 pounds of thrust and can place more than 4,000 pounds into orbit. The last Titan II was removed from alert status as an ICBM June 23, 1987, at Little Rock AFB, Ark. The missiles were refurbished for space launch by Lockheed Martin Astronautics.

Terra spacecraft set to study Earth system

By 1ST LT. TOM KNOWLES
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg launched a Lockheed Martin Atlas IAS rocket carrying NASA's Terra satellite Thursday at _____ a.m. The launch team consisted of members of the 30th Space Wing, NASA and Lockheed Martin. The spacelift commander for this mission was Col. Steve Lanning, 30th Space Wing commander.

The Terra spacecraft is the NASA flagship in a new series of satellites which represents a key contribution to the U.S. Global Change Research Program. Terra carries five state-of-the-art sets of instruments with measurement and accuracy capabilities never flown before. Terra takes a global approach to data collection that will enable scientists to study the interaction among the four spheres of the Earth system — the oceans, lands, atmosphere and biosphere.

Medical group excels during unit inspection

By MAJ. P.K. WHEELER

30th Medical Support Squadron

■ The 30th Medical Group completed the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and Health Services Inspections last week.

The HSI team rated the medical group "excellent" with 12 procedures cited as "best practices." The group was rated 93 out of 100 points by the JCAHO.

"We are extremely proud of both ratings," said Col. Alan Newton, 30th MDG commander.

The JCAHO is a civilian healthcare accreditation agency which applies the same

standards to military healthcare facilities and civilian healthcare facilities alike. The JCAHO focus is on quality of healthcare and environment of care standards. The HSI focuses on military unique functions such as readiness, public health, bioenvironmental engineering, TRICARE, and prevention programs. Inspections were separate until recently when HSI and JCAHO teamed together to do joint surveys.

Newton passed on to the medical group that Col. Don Geeze, HSI team chief saw the 30th as rating in the top five of the last 50 facilities he's inspected.

Worldwide Web, telephone provide Y2K information

■ The following web sites and phone numbers are sources for more Y2K information.

The President's Council for Y2K Conversion: <http://www.y2k.gov>

The site includes links to other government and industry Y2K sites.

The President's Council Y2K Information Line: 1-888-USA-4-Y2K.

This is a source of information for consumers on subjects such as power, telephones, banking, government programs, and household products. Recorded information is available seven days a week, 24-hours a day. Information specialists will staff the line from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday.

American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org/y2k.html>

This site includes answers to frequently asked questions and an individual preparation checklist.

The National Software Testing Lab: <http://www.nstl.com>

The site includes free shareware to test personal

computers for Y2K compliance.

Microsoft: <http://www.microsoft.com/y2k/>

This site includes information and patches for Microsoft products as well as links and information on other Y2K related topics.

Year 2000.com: <http://www.year2000.com>

The original source for Y2K information.

Air Force Year 2000 Page: <http://public.afca.scott.af.mil/afy2k>

This site includes status information on the Air Force's Year 2000 program.

Air Force Space Command's Year 2000 Page: <http://www.peterson.af.mil/hqafspc/index.htm>

The site includes links to numerous government and industry Y2K pages.

911 emergency: Do not call 911 unless there is an actual emergency. Although the phone system does not rely on dates or times to transmit calls, an overloaded system affects the public's ability to place "911" and other emergency phone calls during and after the Y2K roll-over.

Support squadron ends 576th's run with 20-14 flag-football win

30th MSS snaps 576th's three-year reign as base champs

BY SENIOR AIRMAN PAUL GROVE

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Vandenberg crowned a new flag-football champion as the 30th Mission Support Squadron defeated the 576th Flight Test Squadron 20-14 to win their first championship Dec. 10.

MSS ended the season at 18-2, ending the 576th's flag-football dominance. After capturing the last three intramural titles, the 576th finished the year at 13-5.

"Everybody wants to beat the 576th," quarterback/head coach Jose Guajardo said. "They have the bigger squadron, but we felt we had better talent."

The game did not have an auspicious beginning for MSS. On the first series, Guajardo forced a pass into double coverage, leading to a 576th interception. Four plays later, Keith Roth scampered into the end zone on a quarterback keeper to give the 576th a 7-0 lead.

"We knew we just had to be patient, play hard and stick with it," Guajardo said. "They were going to score some points, but

we also knew we could score on any defense."

The MSS regrouped as Guajardo engineered an 80-yard scoring drive capped off by a 50-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Franklin Freeman. That tied the score at seven.

"Guajardo was scrambling out of trouble to his left," Freeman said. "I saw he was in trouble, so I came back to the ball and found an open spot in the coverage."

After forcing the 576th to punt on their next possession, the MSS offense went on the attack again. Eight plays and 60 yards later, Guajardo found John Perry in the back of the end zone to give MSS a 14-7 lead heading into halftime.

Looking to answer the MSS run, the 576th started the second half by completing their first pass. But an ill-advised lateral on the play was picked off by Jay Arabari, giving MSS excellent field position inside the 576th's 20-yard line.

"As we've done all season long, our defense stepped it up," said defensive end Malcolm

Journic. "We knew we could make some big plays and force them to commit turnovers."

Following the turnover, it was Guajardo to Freeman one more time from 15 yards out to give MSS a commanding 20-7 lead.

But the defending champions would not go down without a fight. With 10 minutes left in the game, Brian Newbraugh took over at quarterback for the ineffective Roth.

"We needed to move the ball," said 576th coach Pete Dasis. "We needed someone to get us going."

Newbraugh did just that. Marching the 576th down the field, he connected with Brad Shirley to make the score 20-14 with three minutes remaining.

But that would be as close as it would get. MSS was able to pick up two key first downs to run out the clock and seal the victory.

"After we fell out of the playoffs so early last year, this was a relief," Guajardo said. "We wanted to show that we had the better team, and we proved that to everybody."

Varsity football team wins second title

BY MASTER SGT. MICHAEL DRUMMOND

30th Communications Squadron

■ The Vandenberg Hawks varsity flag-football team won another championship Saturday by sweeping the three-game "Pigskin Open" tournament in Santa Maria.

In their opening game, the Hawks defeated the Road Doggs 37-0. The game featured touchdown receptions by James Howard, Franklin Freeman, Todd Gowler and Louis Buck. Buck also returned a punt 50 yards for a score in the contest.

The second game was another shutout by the Hawks defense as they rolled over Mission Linen by a 40-0 score. Quarterback Frank Edwards tossed two touchdown passes to Freeman and one each to James Howard, Louis Buck, Todd Gowler and Tom Thurlby. Freeman tallied another score on an option pitch from Edwards. Defensive backs John Proctor and Brian Sebastin added interceptions in the win.

In the championship game, the Hawks were once again matched against the powerful Lompoc Landsharks. In fact, the Lompoc squad jumped out to an early lead when a bad snap and poor punt led to a Landshark safety and touchdown. Down 8-0, the Hawks finally got started with about 10 minutes left in the half. Louis Buck cut the lead to two when he intercepted a pass and zipped 40 yards for a score. With under two minutes remaining, the Hawks seemed to take the lead on a 20-yard pass to Proctor, but it was called back due to a penalty on the offensive line.

In the second half, the Hawks took the lead when Freeman hauled in a post pattern from Edwards for a touchdown. The two-point conversion was completed and the Hawks lead 14-8. The Landsharks then drove the ball the length of the field and tied the game at 14. With under a minute remaining in the game, the Hawks punted and Lompoc was trapped deep in their own territory. Linebacker Ray Brushier intercepted a pass on second down and returned it to the Lompoc 5-yard line. The Landsharks then threw down some ferocious defense to deny the Hawks a game-winning score, sending the game into overtime.

In the overtime, the Hawks scored first on a touchdown pass to Gowler, but failed to convert the extra point attempt. Lompoc countered with a score and converted on the extra point for what appeared to be a win, but the wide receiver was called for offensive pass interference and the game remained tied at 20. In the second overtime, the Hawks scored quickly on a 20-yard post corner pattern to Freeman and converted a one point try from the five for a 27-20 lead. The Landsharks stormed right back scoring on their first play from the 20 and the lead was cut to one. Lompoc opted for a two-point try and the win from the 10-yard line, but failed when the receiver broke opposite the pass and Edwards intercepted the ball in the end zone to seal the 27-26 win.

The battle-hardened Hawks play their last game of the year tonight versus the intramural league all-stars at 7 p.m.

17 FRI.

■ The **Vandenberg Top 3** will conduct their

general membership meeting today at noon in the Pacific Coast Club. Election results for next year's officers will be announced. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. For more information call Senior Master Sgt. Lois Meyer at 606-4820.

■ The **Santa Barbara Marine Mammal Center** is having its annual holiday show today at 6:30 p.m. in the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Tickets cost \$18 for adults and \$12 for students and children. The show will feature a recent expedition to the Sea of Cortez as well as presentations from Jean-Michel Cousteau (son of Jacques). For ticket information call 687-3255.

■ The community support center is holding a **teens in transition workshop** today at 3:30 p.m. The workshop is designed for youth age 12 through 18. For more information call 606-0801.

18 SAT.

■ The base chapel will hold a **Christmas concert**

presented by the Inspirational Worship Service Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel One. For more information call 606-5773.

21 TUE.

■ Health and safety services offer a **babysitter**

training course Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in building 13850. The course teaches basic first-aid skills, healthy lifestyles and injury prevention awareness. Cost of the class is \$25. The minimum age for enrollment is 11. For more information call 606-1855.

■ The Santa Barbara Court Appointed Special Advocates Program is in need of **volunteers to be child advocates** for their upcoming March 2000 training in Santa Maria. No experience is necessary to volunteer for CASA.

CASA advocates are volunteers who look out for the best interests of children who were neglected or abused facing court proceedings. For more information on the Santa Maria CASA program call 739-9102.

24 FRI.

■ The **base chapel's holiday worship**

schedule is as follows:

◆ The Protestant Candlelight Service is Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. in Chapel One.

◆ The Catholic Midnight Mass is Dec. 24 at 11 p.m. in Chapel Two.

◆ The Children's Christmas Mass is Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. in Chapel One.

◆ The Catholic Feast of the Holy Family is Dec. 25 at 5 p.m.

◆ The Protestant New Year's Eve Vigil is Dec. 31 at 11 p.m. in Chapel One. This service will be followed by breakfast in the chapel annex.

◆ The Catholic New Year's Eve Mass is Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. in Chapel Two.

For more information on these and other chapel services call 606-5773.

4 TUE.

■ The **Douhet Society** will meet Jan. 4 at noon in the

base library. The book for discussion will be "*This Kind of War*," by T.R. Fehrenbach. It gives a grunt's-eye perspective on the ground war in Korea. For more information call 606-3993.

MOVIES

Friday

***Crazy in Alabama* (PG-13)** Starring Melanie Griffith and Lucas Black. 104 min.

Saturday & Sunday

***The Best Man* (R)** Starring Taye Diggs and Nia Long. 121 min.

Thursday

***The Bachelor* (PG-13)** Starring Chris O'Donnel. 100 min.